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5400	GENERAL PROVISIONS
5400.1	This chapter shall apply to applicants for and holders of a license to practice registered nursing.
5400.2	Chapters 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules) and 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures) of this title shall supplement this chapter. AUTHORITY: Unless otherwise noted, the authority for this chapter is §302(14) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Law 6-99, D.C. Code §2-3303.2(14) (1988 Repl. Vol.), 33 DCR 729, 732 (February 7, 1986), and Mayor's Order 86-110, 33 DCR 5220 (August 22, 1986). SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 622 (January 20, 1989).
5401	TERM OF LICENSE
5401.1	Subject to §5401.2, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of June 30 of each even-numbered year.
5401.2	If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to §4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the license, or other date established by the Director. SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622 (January 20, 1989).
5402	EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
5402.1	Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board in accordance with §504(n) of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3305.4(n) (1988), that the applicant has successfully completed a nursing education program leading to licensure as a registered nurse which was approved by the Board or by a nursing board in the United States or U.S. territory with standards determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the standards of the District.
5402.2	An applicant for a license by examination shall submit with a completed application a certified transcript of the applicant's educational record to the Board. SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622 (January 20, 1988); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 2747, 2751 (May 4, 1990).
5403	APPLICANTS EDUCATED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
5403.1	Except as provided in §5403.2, the Board may grant a license by examination to practice registered nursing to an applicant who completed an educational program in a foreign country, which program was not approved in accordance with §5402.1, if the applicant meets the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Meets all the requirements of this chapter except for the educational program approval requirement of §5402.1; and (b) Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant successfully completed the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination by submitting a certificate from CGFNS.

- 5403.2 The Board may grant a license by examination to practice registered nursing to an applicant who completed a basic nursing education program in Canada, which program was not approved in accordance with §5402.1, if the applicant meets the following:
- (a) Meets all the requirements of this chapter except for the educational program approval requirement of §5402.1 and the examination requirements of §5404; and
 - (b) Has taken the National League of Nursing State Board Test Pool Examination in Canada between the years 1949 and 1970, and received a minimum score of three hundred and fifty (350) in each of the following areas:
 - (1) Medical Nursing;
 - (2) Surgical Nursing;
 - (3) Nursing of Children;
 - (4) Maternity Nursing; and
 - (5) Psychiatric Nursing.
- 5403.3 If a document required by this chapter is in a language other than English, an applicant shall arrange for its translation into English by a translation service acceptable to the Board and shall submit the translation signed by the translator attesting to its accuracy.
- SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 623 (January 24, 1988).

5404 EXAMINATION

- 5404.1 To qualify for a license by examination, an applicant shall receive a passing score on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN).
- 5404.2 An applicant who takes the NCLEX-RN shall submit with a completed application the applicant's examination results, certified by NCLEX-RN or NCSBN, to the Board.
- 5404.3 The passing score on the NCLEX-RN shall be the passing score established by the NCSBN.
- 5404.4 The Board may waive the examination requirement of §5404.1 for any applicant who is currently licensed or certified as a registered nurse under the laws of a state or territory of the United States and whose licensure in that state or territory was based upon the following:
- (a) A passing score on a state constructed examination taken prior to 1949;
 - (b) A score of three hundred and fifty (350) on each part of the State Board Test Pool Examination for nurses taken between January 1949 and February 1982; or
 - (c) A passing score on any other examination determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the NCLEX-RN.
- 5404.5 An applicant under §5404.4 shall furnish proof of current licensure in good standing.
- SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 624 (January 20, 1989); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 2747, 2751 (May 4, 1990).

5405 [RESERVED]

5406 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- 5406.1 Subject to §5406.2, this section shall apply to applicants for the reactivation, or reinstatement of a license for the term expiring June 30, 1992, and for subsequent terms.
- 5406.2 Pursuant to §512 of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3305.12 (1988), this section shall not apply to applicants who have failed to apply for reinstatement of a license within five (5) years after the license expires.
- 5406.3 Continuing education credit may be granted only for programs or activities approved by the Board pursuant to §5406.
- 5406.4 An applicant in inactive status within the meaning of §511 of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3305.11 (1988), who submits an application to reactivate a license shall submit with the application proof of having completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education for each year the applicant was in inactive status up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education. Only continuing education taken in the two (2) years immediately preceding the application date will be accepted. This subsection shall apply to applicants in inactive status after June 30, 1990.
- 5406.5 An applicant for reinstatement of a license shall submit with the application proof of having completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education for each year after June 30, 1990, that the applicant was not licensed, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education.

5406.6 An applicant under this section shall prove completion of required continuing education by submitting with the application the following information with respect to each continuing education program:

- (a) The name and address of the sponsor of the program;
- (b) The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors;
- (c) The dates on which the applicant attended the program;
- (d) The hours of credit claimed; and
- (e) Verification by the sponsor of completion, by signature or stamp.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 625 (January 20, 1989).

5407 APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

5407.1 The Board, in its discretion, may approve continuing education programs and activities that contribute to the growth of an applicant in professional competence in the practice of registered nursing and which meet the other requirements of this section.

5407.2 The Board may approve the following types of continuing education programs, if the programs meet the requirements of §5407.3:

- (a) An undergraduate or graduate course given at an accredited college or university;
- (b) A seminar or workshop;
- (c) An educational program given at a conference; or
- (d) In-service training.

5407.3 To qualify for approval by the Board, a continuing education program shall meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be current in its subject matter;
- (b) Be developed and taught by qualified individuals; and
- (c) Be administered or approved by a recognized organization in the field of health care or an accredited college or university.

5407.4 The college or university specified in §§5407.2 and 5407.3 shall be accredited by a body recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.

5407.5 The Board may issue and update a list of approved continuing education programs.

5407.6 The Board may approve the following continuing education activities by an applicant:

- (a) Serving as an instructor or speaker at an approved continuing education program;
- (b) Publishing a book or a chapter in a book, or publication of a book review, article, or abstract in a professional journal or bulletin; or
- (c) Serving as a preceptor, as defined by chapter 56 of this title, for students of registered nursing in an approved nursing education program.

5407.7 An applicant shall have the burden of verifying whether a program is approved by the Board pursuant to this section.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 626 (January 20, 1989).

5408 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

5408.1 The Board may grant continuing education credit for whole hours only, with a minimum of fifty (50) minutes constituting one (1) credit hour.

5408.2 For approved undergraduate or graduate courses, each semester hour of credit shall constitute fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credit, and each quarter hour of credit shall constitute ten (10) hours of continuing education credit.

5408.3 The Board may grant continuing education credit to an applicant who serves as an instructor or speaker at an approved program for preparation and presentation time, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted for preparation time shall be twice the amount of the associated presentation time;
- (b) If an applicant has previously received credit in connection with a particular presentation, the Board shall not grant credit for a subsequent presentation unless it involves either a different subject or substantial additional research concerning the same subject; and
- (c) The presentation shall have been completed during the period for which credit is claimed.

5408.4 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author or editor of a published book continuing education credits, if the book has been published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed and the applicant submits proof of this fact in the application.

5408.5 The Board may grant an applicant who is the author of a published book review, article, or abstract continuing education credits, subject to the same restriction set forth for books in §5408.4.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 627 (January 20, 1989).

5409 - 5410 [RESERVED]

5411 SUPERVISED PRACTICE OF REGISTERED NURSING

5411.1 Only the following persons shall be authorized to engage in the supervised practice of registered nursing without a District of Columbia license:

- (a) Students fulfilling education requirements under §103(c) of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3301.3 (1988);
- (b) Applicants who have graduated from a Board approved program under §5402.1 and whose application for a license by examination in the District of Columbia is pending; and
- (c) Foreign graduates who have passed the CGFNS and whose application for a license by examination in the District of Columbia is pending.

5411.2 Only a supervisor shall be authorized to supervise the practice of registered nursing.

5411.3 A student, applicant, or foreign graduate may practice registered nursing only in accordance with the Act and this subtitle.

5411.4 A student, applicant, or foreign graduate who practices pursuant to this section shall only practice at a hospital, nursing home, a health facility operated by the District or federal government, a health education center, or other health care facility considered appropriate by the school or college.

5411.5 A student or applicant, or foreign graduate under this section shall not assume administrative or technical responsibility for the operation of a nursing program, unit, service, or institution.

5411.6 All supervised practice shall take place under general or immediate supervision.

5411.7 A person who has been denied a license or disciplined, or against whom such action is pending, in the District of Columbia or other jurisdiction shall not practice pursuant to this section unless authorized by the Board in writing to do so.

5411.8 A student, applicant, or foreign graduate shall identify himself or herself as such before practicing as a registered nurse.

5411.9 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for all practice by a student, applicant, or foreign graduate during the period of supervision and shall be subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this subtitle by the student, applicant or foreign graduate.

5411.10 A student, applicant, or foreign graduate shall not receive compensation of any nature, directly or indirectly, from a patient, except for a salary based on hours worked under supervision.

5411.11 An applicant under §5411.1(b) or (c) shall take the first licensing examination following graduation from an approved educational program in registered nursing or the first examination following submission of the application for a license in the District of Columbia. The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the time requirement if the applicant's failure to sit for the first examination was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:

- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; or
- (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.

5411.12 An applicant under §5411.1(b) or (c) who fails the NCLEX-RN on two (2) consecutive attempts shall not be permitted to practice nursing under this section.

5411.13 In accordance with chapter 41 of this title, a student, applicant, or foreign graduate shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of the Act and this subtitle. The Board may deny an application for a license by, or take other disciplinary action against, a student, applicant, or foreign graduate who is found to have violated the Act or this subtitle.

5411.14 If the Board finds that a student, applicant, or foreign graduate has violated the Act or this subtitle, the Board may, in addition to any other disciplinary actions permitted by the Act, revoke, suspend, or restrict the privilege of the student, applicant, or foreign graduate to practice.

5411.15 For purposes of this section, the following terms shall apply:

- (a) "General supervision" means supervision in which the supervisor is available on the premises and within vocal communication either directly or by a communication device at the time the student, applicant, or foreign graduate is practicing;
- (b) "Immediate supervision" means supervision in which the supervisor is with the student, applicant, or foreign graduate and either discussing or observing the student's, applicant's, or foreign graduate's practice; and
- (c) "Supervisor" means a registered nurse or advanced registered nurse licensed under the Act who is responsible for the supervision of a student, applicant or foreign graduate.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 629 (January 20, 1989).

5412 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

5412.1 For purposes of this section, the “practice of registered nursing” means the performance of acts requiring substantial specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based upon the principles of the biological, physical, behavioral, and social sciences in the following activities:

- (a) The observation, assessment, and recording of physiological and behavioral signs and symptoms of health, disease, and injury, including the performance of examinations and testing and their evaluation for the purpose of differentiating normal from abnormal;
- (b) The provision of direct and indirect registered nursing services of a therapeutic, preventive, and restorative nature in response to an assessment of the patient’s requirements;
- (c) The performance of services, counseling, and education for the safety, comfort, personal hygiene, and protection of patients, the prevention of disease and injury, and the promotion of health in individuals, families, and communities, which may include psychotherapeutic intervention, advocacy, referral, and consultation;
- (d) The administration of nursing services within a health care facility, including the delegation of direct nursing functions and the evaluation of the performance of these functions;
- (e) The education and training of persons in the direct nursing care of patients; and
- (f) The pursuit of nursing research to improve methods of practice.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 622, 630 (January 20, 1989).

5499 DEFINITIONS

5499.1 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed:

Applicant - a person applying for a license to practice registered nursing under this chapter.

Board - the Board of Nursing, established by §204 of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3302.4 (1988).

Educational program - a program leading to a diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Registered nurse - a person licensed to practice registered nursing under this chapter.

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5501	TERM OF LICENSE
5501.1	Subject to §5501.2, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of June 30 of each odd-numbered year.
5501.2	If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to §4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a license issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the license, or other date established by the Director. SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632 (January 20, 1989).
5502	EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
5502.1	Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for a license shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board in accordance with §504(m) of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3305.4(m) (1988), of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the applicant has successfully completed an educational program in practical nursing approved by the Board or by a nursing board in the United States or U.S. territory with standards determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the standards in District; or (b) That the applicant is a member of or has been honorably discharged from the United States Army with the rating of clinical specialist after completing the MOS 91C practical nursing program.
5502.2	An applicant for a license by examination shall submit to the Board with the completed application a certified transcript of the applicant's educational record(s). SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632 (January 20, 1989); as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2751 (May 4, 1990).

5503 APPLICANTS EDUCATED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

- 5503.1 The Board may grant a license to practice practical nursing to an applicant who completed an educational program in practical nursing in a foreign country, which program was not approved in accordance with §5502.1, if the applicant meets the following requirements:
- (a) Meets all of the requirements of this chapter except for the educational program approval requirement of §5502.1; and
 - (b) Demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant's education and training are substantially equivalent to the requirements of this subtitle and the Act, by submitting the documentation required by this section.
- 5503.2 An applicant under this section shall, in lieu of demonstrating educational program approval under §5502.1, submit one (1) of the following:
- (a) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has completed an educational program in practical nursing in a foreign country, which program was approved, at the time the applicant completed the program, by the government of that country or by an approval body recognized by that country; or
 - (b) A certification from a private education evaluation service approved by the Board that the applicant's foreign education is substantially equivalent to the education provided in an educational program approved pursuant to this chapter.
- 5503.3 An applicant shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant has received a passing score on an English proficiency examination.
- 5503.4 If a document required by this chapter is in a language other than English, an applicant shall arrange for its translation into English by a translation service acceptable to the Board and shall submit the translation signed by the translator attesting to its accuracy.
- SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 633 (January 20, 1989).

5504 EXAMINATION

- 5504.1 To qualify for a license by examination, an applicant shall receive a passing score on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN).
- 5504.2 An applicant who takes the NCLEX-PN shall submit with a completed application the applicant's examination results, certified by NCLEX-PN or NCSBN, to the Board.
- 5504.3 The passing score on the NCLEX-PN shall be the passing score established by the NCSBN.
- 5504.4 The Board may waive the examination requirement of §5504.1 for any applicant who is currently licensed or certified as a practical nurse under the laws of a state or territory of the United States and whose licensure was based upon the following:
- (a) A score of three hundred and fifty (350) on each part of the State Board Test Pool Examination for practical nurses taken before September 1982; or
 - (b) A passing score on any other examination determined to be substantially equivalent to the NCLEX-PN.
- 5504.5 An applicant under §5504.4 shall furnish proof of current licensure in good standing.
- SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 634 (January 20, 1989), as amended by Final Rulemaking published at 37 DCR 2747, 2751 (May 4, 1990).

5505 [RESERVED]**5506 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 5506.1 Subject to §5506.2, this section shall apply to applicants for the reactivation, or reinstatement, of a license for the term expiring June 30, 1992, and for subsequent terms.
- 5506.2 Pursuant to §512 of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3305.12 (1988), this section shall not apply to applicants who have failed to apply for reinstatement of a license within five (5) years after the license expires.
- 5506.3 Continuing education credit may be granted only for programs or activities approved by the Board pursuant to §5506.
- 5506.4 An applicant in inactive status within the meaning of §511 of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3305.11 (1988), who submits an application to reactivate a license shall submit with the application proof of having completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education for each year the applicant was in inactive status up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education. Only continuing education taken in the two (2) years immediately preceding the application date will be accepted. This subsection shall apply to applicants in inactive status after June 30, 1990.
- 5506.5 An applicant for reinstatement of a license shall submit with the application proof of having completed twelve (12) hours of continuing education for each year after June 30, 1990, that the applicant was not licensed, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education.

5506.6 An applicant under this section shall prove completion of required continuing education by submitting with the application the following information with respect to each continuing education program:

- (a) The name and address of the sponsor of the program;
- (b) The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors;
- (c) The dates on which the applicant attended the program;
- (d) The hours of credit claimed; and
- (e) Verification by the sponsor of completion, by signature or stamp.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 634 (January 20, 1989).

5507 APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

5507.1 The Board may, in its discretion, approve continuing education programs and activities that contribute to the growth of an applicant in professional competence in the practice of practical nursing and which meet the other requirements of this section.

5507.2 The Board may approve the following types of continuing education programs, if the programs meet the requirements of §5507.3:

- (a) An undergraduate or graduate course given at an accredited college or university;
- (b) A seminar or workshop;
- (c) An educational program given at a conference; or
- (d) In-service training.

5507.3 To qualify for approval by the Board, a continuing education program shall be as follows:

- (a) Current in its subject matter;
- (b) Developed and taught by qualified individuals; and
- (c) Administered or approved by an organization in the field of health care recognized by the Board or an accredited college or university.

5507.4 The college or university specified in §§5507.2 and 5507.3 shall be accredited by a body recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.

5507.5 The Board may issue and update a list of approved continuing education programs.

5507.6 The Board may approve the following continuing education activities by an applicant:

- (a) Service as an instructor or speaker at a conference, seminar, workshop, or in-service training program;
- (b) Publication of a book or a chapter in a book, or publication of a book review, article, or abstract in a professional journal or bulletin; or
- (c) Serving as a preceptor, as defined in chapter 56 of this title, for students of practical nursing.

5507.7 An applicant shall have the burden of verifying whether a program is approved by the Board pursuant to this section.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 636 (January 20, 1989).

5508 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

5508.1 The Board may grant continuing education credit for whole hours only, with a minimum of fifty (50) minutes constituting one (1) credit hour.

5508.2 For approved undergraduate or graduate courses, each semester hour of credit shall constitute fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credit, and each quarter hour of credit shall constitute ten (10) hours of continuing education credit.

5508.3 The Board may grant credit to an applicant who serves as an instructor or speaker at an approved program for preparation and presentation time, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted for preparation time shall be twice the amount of the associated presentation time;
- (b) If an applicant has previously received credit in connection with a particular presentation, the Board shall not grant credit for a subsequent presentation unless it involves either a different subject or substantial additional research concerning the same subject; and
- (c) The presentation shall have been completed during the period for which credit is claimed.

5508.4 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author or editor of a published book continuing education credits, if the book has been published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed and the applicant submits proof of this fact in the application.

5508.5 The Board may grant an applicant who is the author of a published book review, article, or abstract continuing education credits, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books in §5508.4.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 637 (January 20, 1989).

5509 - 5510 [RESERVED]

5511 SUPERVISED PRACTICE OF PRACTICAL NURSING

5511.1 Only the following persons shall be authorized to engage in the supervised practice of practical nursing without a District of Columbia license:

- (a) Students fulfilling education requirements under §103(c) of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3301.3 (1988);
- (b) Applicants who have graduated from a Board approved program under §5502.1 and whose application for a license by examination in the District of Columbia is pending.

5511.2 Only a supervisor shall be authorized to supervise the practice of practical nursing.

5511.3 A student or applicant may practice practical nursing only in accordance with the Act and this subtitle.

5511.4 A student or applicant who practices pursuant to this section shall only practice at a hospital, nursing home, or health facility operated by the District or federal government, a health education center, or other health care facility considered appropriate by the school or college.

5511.5 A student or applicant under this section shall not assume administrative or technical responsibility for the operation of a nursing program, unit, service, or institution.

5511.6 All supervised practice shall take place under general or immediate supervision.

5511.7 A person who has been denied a license or disciplined, or who has such action pending in the District of Columbia or other jurisdiction shall not practice pursuant to this section unless authorized by the Board in writing.

5511.8 A student or applicant shall identify himself or herself as such before practicing as a practical nurse.

5511.9 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for all practice by a student or graduate during the period of supervision and is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this subtitle by the student or applicant.

5511.10 A student or applicant shall not receive compensation of any nature, directly or indirectly, from a patient, except for a salary based on hours worked under supervision.

5511.11 An applicant under §5511.1(b) shall take the first licensing examination following graduation from an approved educational program in practical nursing or the first examination following submission of the application for a license in the District of Columbia.

5511.12 The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the time requirement if the applicant's failure to sit for the first examination was for good cause. For purposes of this section, the term "good cause" includes the following:

- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; or
- (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.

5511.13 An applicant under §5511.1(b) who fails the NCLEX-PN on two consecutive attempts shall not be permitted to practice nursing under this section.

5511.14 In accordance with chapter 41 of this title, a student or graduate shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of the Act and this subtitle. The Board may deny an application for a license by, or take other disciplinary action against, a student or graduate who is found to have violated the Act or this subtitle.

5511.15 If the Board finds that a student or graduate has violated the Act or this subtitle, the Board may, in addition to any other disciplinary actions permitted by the Act, revoke, suspend, or restrict the privilege of the student or graduate to practice.

5511.16 For purposes of this section, the following terms shall apply:

- (a) "General supervision" means supervision in which the supervisor is available on the premises and within vocal communication either directly or by a communication device at the time the student or graduate is practicing.
- (b) "Immediate supervision" means supervision in which the supervisor is with the student or graduate and either discussing or observing the student's or applicant's practice; and
- (c) "Supervisor" means a practical nurse, registered nurse, or advanced registered nurse licensed under the Act who is responsible for the supervision of a student or graduate.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 638 (January 20, 1989).

5512 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

5512.1 For purposes of this section, the phrase “the practice of practical nursing” means the following:

- (a) Performance of actions of preventive health care, health maintenance, and the care of persons who are ill, injured, or experiencing alterations in health processes; and
- (b) Knowledge of and skill in nursing procedures gained through successful completion of an approved education program in practical nursing.

5512.2 The functions of a practical nurse shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Provided that the practical nurse has the appropriate education and that the functions take place in the appropriate clinical setting:

- (a) Assessing vital functions and patient status;
- (b) Administering medication;
- (c) Providing appropriate intervention;
- (d) Monitoring intravenous infusion; and
- (e) Inserting nasogastric tubes.

SOURCE: Final Rulemaking published at 36 DCR 632, 640 (January 20, 1989).

5599 DEFINITIONS

5599.1 As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed:

Applicant - a person applying for a license to practice practical nursing under this chapter.

Board - the Board of Nursing, established by §204 of the Act, D.C. Code §2-3302.4 (1988).

Practical nurse - a person licensed to practice practical nursing under the Act and this chapter.

5599.2 The definitions in §4099 of chapter 40 of this title are incorporated by reference into and are applicable to this chapter.

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CHAPTER 57: CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE-ANESTHETISTS

5700 APPLICABILITY

- 5700.1 A certified registered nurse-anesthetist is a registered nurse prepared in a formal educational program to assume an expanded role in providing health care in the area of anesthesiology services. Certified registered nurse-anesthetists, when functioning within the authorized scope of practice, are qualified to assume primary responsibility for the care of their patients. This practice incorporates the use of independent judgment as well as collaborative interaction with other health care professionals.
- 5700.2 Chapters 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules), 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures), and 54 (Registered Nursing) of this title shall supplement this chapter.

5701 GENERAL REQUIREMENT

- 5701.1 Only a person currently licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 54 of this title shall be eligible to apply for a license to practice nurse-anesthesia under this chapter.

5702 TERM OF CERTIFICATE

- 5702.1 Subject to § 5702.2, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of June 30 of each even-numbered year.
- 5702.2 If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to § 4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the certificate, or other date established by the Director.

5703 RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE

- 5703.1 An applicant for renewal of a certificate to practice nurse-anesthesia shall do the following:
- (a) Maintain current licensure as a registered nurse in the District of Columbia;
 - (b) Submit evidence of current national certification or recertification, as applicable by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or other national certifying body approved by the Board.

5704 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 5704.1 An applicant for a license to practice as a certified registered nurse-anesthetists shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with the section § 608 (a) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.08 (a), that the applicant has successfully completed a post-basic nursing education program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs or any other nationally recognized accrediting body as deemed appropriate by the

Board and indicated through rulemaking.

5704.2

Repealed

5705

NATIONAL EXAMINATION

5705.1

In addition to the requirement in § 5700 and § 5702, to qualify for a license to practice as a certified registered nurse-anesthetist in the District of Columbia, an applicant shall receive a passing score on the national certification examination by the council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or any other nationally recognized certifying body accepted by the Board.

5705.2

An applicant shall submit proof of having obtained a passing score on the examination by arranging to have official written verification of the certification, or a certified, notarized copy of the examination results, sent directly to the Board.

5705.3

A national certification program acceptable to the Board shall provide:

- (a) A scope of the practice statement that reflects the standards of specialized and advanced nursing practice in the area of certification;
- (b) An approval process for the formal programs of study in the area of certification which shall:
 - (1) Be based on measurable objectives that relate directly to the scope of practice;
 - (2) Include theoretical and clinical content directed to the objectives; and
 - (3) Be equivalent to at least one academic year preceptorship which is part of the formal program and shall be included as part of the academic year. Current practice in the area of certification will not be accepted as a substitute for the formal program of study.
- (c) An examination in the area of certification shall:
 - (1) Measure the theoretical and clinical content denoted in the scope of practice;
 - (2) Be developed in accordance with generally accepted standards of validity and reliability; and
 - (3) Be open only to registered nurses who have successfully completed the program of study referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection
- (d) A certification maintenance program.

5704.4

The passing score on the certification examination shall be the passing score established by the certifying body administering the examination.

5704.5

The Board shall issue and update a list of nationally recognized certifying bodies accepted by the Board.

5704.6 Failure to maintain certification as a certified registered nurse-anesthetist shall result in the loss of status as a licensed nurse-anesthetist.

5706 RECERTIFICATION

5706.1 A certified registered nurse-anesthetist shall submit proof of having completed fifteen (15) contact hours of an approved AACN continuing education course in pharmacology during the two (2) years preceding the date the license expires.

5707 Repealed.

5708 SCOPE OF PRACTICE: CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST

5708.1 In addition to the general functions specified in § 5700, a nurse-anesthetist may perform all of the functions listed below, to include:

- (a) Determining the health status of the patient as it relates to the relative risks associated with the anesthetic management of the patient;
- (b) Based on history, physical assessment, and supplemental laboratory results, determining appropriate type of anesthesia;
- (c) Ordering pre-anesthetic medication;
- (d) Performing procedures commonly used to render the patient insensible to pain during the performance of surgical, obstetrical, therapeutic, or diagnostic clinical procedures. This shall include ordering and administering:
 - (1) General and regional anesthesia;
 - (2) Inhalation agents and techniques;
 - (3) Intravenous agents and techniques; and
 - (4) Techniques of hypnosis;
- (e) Order or perform monitoring procedures indicated as pertinent to the anesthetic health care management of the patient;
- (f) Support life functions during anesthesia health care, including inductions and intubation procedures, the use of appropriate mechanical supportive devices, and the management of fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances;
- (g) Recognize and take appropriate corrective action for abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication, or other forms of therapy;

- (h) Recognize and treat cardiac arrhythmia while the patient is under anesthetic care;
- (i) Management of the patient while in the post-anesthesia recovery phase, including post-anesthesia evaluation of the patient, ordering the administration of fluids and drugs, discharging of the patient;
- (j) Place peripheral and central venous and arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate; and
- (k) Such other functions and services the Board deems appropriate upon review and analysis of professional and association literature which articulates scopes and standards for nurse-anesthetist practice.

5708.2 Repealed.

5709 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

- 5709.1 A nurse-anesthetist shall have authority to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances subject to the limitations set forth in § 5710.
- 5709.2 A nurse-anesthetist shall have authority to prescribe drugs only while certified in accordance with this chapter.
- 5709.3 Prescriptions for drugs shall comply with all applicable District and federal laws.
- 5709.4 A nurse-anesthetist who administers or prescribes a prescription drug shall enter in the patient's chart on the date of the transaction, or if the chart is not available, no later than the next office day, the following information:
- (1) Each prescription that a nurse-anesthetist orders; and
 - (2) The name, strength, and amount of each drug that a nurse-anesthetist administers.
- 5709.5 Pursuant to § 514 of the Act, D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(19), the Board may suspend or revoke the license or certification of, or take other disciplinary action against, any applicant or licensee who prescribes, dispenses, or administers drugs when not authorized to do so.

5710 PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 5710.1 A nurse-anesthetist shall have authority to prescribe those drugs in Schedules II through V, established pursuant to the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981, D.C. Law 4-29, D.C. Official Code §§ 48-901.02 et seq.
- 5710.2 A nurse-anesthetist shall not prescribe a controlled substances unless a nurse-anesthetist meets the following requirements:
- (1) Possesses a valid controlled substances certificate of registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and

- (2) Possesses a valid District of Columbia controlled substances registration pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 32-501 et seq. (1981), the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

5710.3 A nurse-anesthetist shall not issue a refillable prescription for a controlled substance.

5710.4 A nurse-anesthetist shall maintain a current and complete log of all controlled substances that the nurse-anesthetist prescribes, in accordance with regulations for record keeping promulgated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

5711 SUPERVISED PRACTICE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION

5711.1 Only the following persons shall be authorized to engage in the supervised practice of nurse-anesthesia without a District of Columbia certificate:

- (1) A student fulfilling education requirements for certification and practicing within the limitations set forth in §103(c) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01;
- (2) A graduate awaiting the results of the certification examination given by an approved certifying body; and
- (3) An applicant who is certified by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthesia or certifying body approved by the Board and whose application for a certificate to practice nurse-anesthesia in the District of Columbia is pending.

5711.2 Only a supervisor shall supervise the practice nurse-anesthesia.

5711.3 A student, graduate, or applicant may practice nurse-anesthesia only in accordance with the Act and this chapter.

5711.4 A student, graduate, or applicant under this section shall not assume administrative or technical responsibility for the operation of a nurse-anesthesiology program, unit, service, or institution.

5711.5 A student, graduate, or applicant who practices pursuant to this section shall only practice at a hospital, a health facility operated by the District or federal government, or other health care facility considered appropriate by the AANA.

5711.6 All supervised practice shall take place under general or immediate supervision.

5711.7 A person who has been denied a certificate or license or has been disciplined, or against whom disciplinary action is pending, in the District of Columbia or other jurisdiction, shall not practice pursuant to this section unless authorized by the Board in writing to do so.

5711.8 A student, graduate, or applicant shall identify himself or herself as such before practicing as a nurse-anesthetist.

5711.9 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for all practice by a student, graduate, or applicant during the period of supervision and is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the student, graduate, or applicant.

5711.10 A student, graduate, or applicant shall not receive compensation of any nature, directly or indirectly, from a patient, except for a salary based on hours worked under supervision.

- 5711.11 A graduate registered nurse-anesthetist under § 5711.1(b) may practice for no more than twelve (12) months from the date of graduation from an educational program accredited by the AANA.
- 5711.12 A graduate shall not practice under this section after the twelve (12) month period has expired, or after denial of certification by AANA, whichever occurs first.
- 5711.13 The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the twelve (12) month period under § 5711.11 if the applicant has failed to sit for the certification examination and the applicant's failure to sit for the examination was for good cause. For purposes of the section, "good cause" includes the following:
- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; and
 - (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.
- 5711.14 A student, graduate, or applicant shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of the Act and this chapter. The Board may deny an application for a license by, or take other disciplinary action against, a student, graduate, or applicant who is found to have violated the Act or this title, in accordance with chapter 41 of this title.
- 5711.15 Repealed.

5712 USE OF TITLE OR ABBREVIATION

- 5712.1 Only persons certified as registered nurse-anesthetists by the Board shall be designated as such and have the right to use the title "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist" or "CRNA" or any other title or abbreviation designated by the Board or the approved national certifying body. No other person shall use any other title, words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the name is recognized as a certified registered nurse-anesthetist.

5713 PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED NURSE-ANESTHETIST IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REQUIRING A FORMAL EVALUATION

- 5713.1 An APRN shall be evaluated by another APRN licensed to practice in the same specialty area.

5799 DEFINITIONS

- 5799.1 For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed:

Applicant: a person applying for a license to practice as a nurse anesthetist under this chapter.

Board: the Board of Nursing, established by § 204 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04.

Certified registered nurse anesthetist: a registered nurse trained in an educational program to provide anesthesia services, assume primary responsibility for the care of patients, exercise independent judgment, and interact collaboratively with other health care professionals.

Clinical practice - the routine application of the principles of nurse-anesthesia to the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health.

License: a license to practice as a nurse-anesthetist under this chapter.

Nationally recognized certifying body: one that offers a national certification examination in the specialty area of advanced nursing practice, utilizes standards and principles of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS), and provides a mechanism for evaluating continued competency in the specialty area of nursing practice.

Supervisor: a licensed nurse-anesthetist who is responsible for the supervision of a student, graduate, or applicant.

5799.2

The definitions in § 4099 of chapter 40 of this title are incorporated by reference into and are applicable to this chapter.

CHAPTER 58 NURSE-MIDWIVES

5800 APPLICABILITY

- 5800.1 A certified nurse-midwife is a registered nurse prepared in a formal educational program to assume an expanded role in providing health care in the area of nurse midwifery services. Certified nurse-midwives, when functioning within the authorized scope of practice, are qualified to assume primary responsibility for the care of their patients. This practice incorporates the use of independent judgment.
- 5800.2 Chapter 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules), 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures), and 54 (Registered Nursing) of this title shall supplement this chapter.

5801 GENERAL REQUIREMENT

- 5801.1 Only a person currently licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 54 of this title shall be eligible to apply for a certificate to practice nurse-midwifery under this chapter.

5802 TERM OF CERTIFICATE

- 5802.1 Subject to § 5802.2, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of June 30 of each even-numbered year.
- 5802.2 If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to §4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the certificate, or other date established by the Director.

5803 RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE

- 5803.1 An applicant for renewal of a certificate to practice nurse-midwifery shall do the following:
- (a) Maintain current licensure as a registered nurse in the District of Columbia;
 - (b) Submit evidence of current national certification or recertification as applicable by the American College of Nurse-midwives or other national certifying body approved by the Board.

5804 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 5804.1 An applicant for a certificate to practice as a nurse-midwife shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 608(b) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.08(b), that the applicant has successfully completed a post-basic nursing education program accredited by the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) or any nationally recognized certifying body accepted by the Board.

5804.2

Repealed.

5804.3

An applicant shall submit one (1) of the following with the completed application form:

- (1) An official document verifying certification as a nurse-midwife from the ACNM; or
- (2) A certified transcript of the applicant's academic record for applicants who are awaiting ACNM certification.

5804.4

In addition to the requirements in § 5800 and § 5802, to qualify for a license to practice nurse-midwifery in the District of Columbia, an applicant shall receive a passing score on the national certification examination of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) or any other nationally recognized accrediting body accepted by the Board.

5804.5

An applicant shall submit proof of having obtained a passing score on the examination by arranging to have official written verification of the certification, or a certified, notarized copy of the examination results, sent directly to the Board.

5804.6

A national certification program acceptable to the Board shall provide:

- (a) Scope of practice statement that reflects the standards of specialized and advanced nursing practice in the area of certification;
- (b) An approval process for the formal programs of study in the area of certification which shall:
 - (1) Be based on measurable objectives that relate directly to the scope of practice;
 - (2) Include theoretical and clinical content directed to objectives; and
 - (3) Be equivalent to at least one academic year preceptorship which is part of the formal program and shall be included as part of the academic year. Current practice in the area of certification will not be accepted as a substitute for the formal program of study.
- (c) An examination in the area of certification which shall:
 - (1) Measure the theoretical and clinical content denoted in the scope of practice;
 - (2) Be developed in accordance with generally accepted standards of validity and reliability; and
 - (3) Be open only to registered nurses who have successfully completed the program study referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

5804.7

The passing score on the certification examination shall be the passing score established by the certifying body administering the examination.

5804.8

The Board shall issue and update a list of nationally recognized certifying bodies accepted by the Board.

5804.9

Failure to maintain recertification as a certified registered nurse-midwife shall result in the loss of status as a certified nurse-midwife.

5805

RECERTIFICATION

5806.1

A certified nurse-midwife shall submit proof of having completed fifteen (15) contact hours of an approved AACN continuing education course in pharmacology during the two (2) years preceding the date the license expires.

5807

Repealed.

5808

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE

5808.1

In addition to the general function specified in D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.04 the nurse-midwife may perform any of the acts listed below, including:

- (a) Manage the care of the normal obstetrical patient;
- (b) Perform minor surgical procedure;
- (c) Manage the normal obstetrical patient during labor and delivery to include amniotomy, episiotomy, and repair;
- (d) Initiate and perform local anesthetic procedures and order the necessary anesthetic agents to perform the procedures;
- (e) Manage care of the newborn;
- (f) Perform post-partum examination;
- (g) Provide gynecological care for women;
- (h) Prescribe appropriate medications;
- (i) Provide family planning and STD services;
- (j) Provide primary health care; and
- (k) Such other functions and services the Board deems appropriate upon review and analysis of professional and association literature which articulates scopes and standards for nurse-midwifery practice.

Sections 5808.2, 5808.3 and 5808.4 are repealed.

5808.5

A nurse-midwife may not perform a cesarean section or surgical abortion.

5808.6

For purposes of this section, “normal patient” means a healthy individual who meets the criteria established in practice protocols as normal.

5809 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

- 5809.1 A certified nurse-midwife shall have authority to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances subject to the limitations set forth in § 5710.
- 5809.2 A certified nurse-midwife shall have authority to prescribe drugs only while licensed in accordance with this chapter.
- 5809.3 Prescriptions for drugs shall comply with all applicable District of Columbia and federal laws.
- 5809.4 A certified nurse-midwife who administers or prescribes a prescription drug shall enter into the patient's chart on the date of the transaction, or if the chart is not available, within a reasonable time but no later than the next office day the following information:
- (a) Each prescription that a certified nurse-midwife orders; and
 - (b) The name, strength, and amount of each drug that a certified nurse-midwife prescribes and/or dispenses.
- 5809.5 Pursuant to § 514 of the Act, D.C. Code § 2-3305.14(a)(19) (1988), the Board may suspend or revoke the license or certification of, or take other disciplinary action against any applicant or licensee who prescribes, dispenses, or administers drugs when not authorized to do so.

5810 PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 5810.1 A certified nurse-midwife shall have authority to prescribe those drugs in Schedules II through V, established pursuant to the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981, D.C. Law 4-29, D.C. Official Code §§ 48-901.02 et seq.
- 5810.2 A certified nurse-midwife shall not prescribe a controlled substance unless a certified nurse-midwife meets the following requirements:
- (a) Possesses a valid controlled substances certificate of registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and
 - (b) Possesses a valid District of Columbia controlled substances registration pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 48-901.02 et seq., the District of Columbia Uniform controlled Substance Act.
- 5810.3 A certified nurse-midwife shall not issue a refillable prescription for a controlled substance.
- 5810.4 A certified nurse-midwife shall maintain a current and complete log of all controlled substances that a certified nurse-midwife prescribes, in accordance with regulations for record keeping promulgated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

5811 SUPERVISED PRACTICE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION

- 5811.1 Only the following persons shall be authorized to engage in the supervised practice of nurse-midwifery without a District of Columbia certificate:
- (a) Students fulfilling education requirements for certification and practicing within the limitations set forth in § 103(c) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01;
 - (b) Graduates awaiting the results of the certification examination given by an approved certifying body; and
 - (c) An applicant who is certified by the ACNM or certifying body approved by the Board and whose application for a certificate to practice nurse-midwifery in the District of Columbia is pending.
 - (d) A nurse-midwife shall not supervise more than two(2) students, graduates, or applicants at one time.
- 5811.2 Only a certified nurse-midwife shall supervise the practice of a nurse-midwife.
- 5811.3 A student, graduate, or applicant may practice as a nurse-midwife only in accordance with the Act and this chapter.
- 5811.4 A student, graduate, or applicant shall not assume administrative or technical responsibility for the operation of a nurse-midwifery program, unit, service, or institution.
- 5811.5 A student, graduate, or applicant who practices pursuant to this section shall only practice at a hospital, or a health care facility operated by the District or federal government, or other health care facilities considered appropriate by the Board.
- 5811.6 All supervised practice shall take place under general or immediate supervision.
- 5811.7 A person who has been denied a certificate or license or has been disciplined, or against whom disciplinary action is pending, in the District of Columbia or other jurisdiction, shall not practice pursuant to this section unless authorized by the Board in writing to do so. 5811.8 A student, graduate, or applicant shall identify himself or herself as such before practicing as a certified nurse-midwife.
- 5811.9 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for all practice by a student, graduate, or applicant during the period of supervision and is subject to a disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the student graduate, or applicant.
- 5811.10 A student, graduate, or applicant shall not receive compensation of any nature, directly or indirectly, from a patient, except for a salary based on hours worked under supervision.
- 5811.11 An applicant under § 5811.1 (b) or (c) shall take the first licensing examination following graduation from an approved educational program in nurse-midwifery or the first examination following submission of the application for a license in the District of Columbia. The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the time requirement if the applicant's failure to sit for the first examination was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:
- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; or
 - (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.

5811.12 An applicant under § 5811.1 (b) or (c) who fails the ACNM examination on two (2) consecutive attempts shall not be permitted to practice nurse-midwifery under this section.

5811.13 An applicant who fails the ACNM examination after two (2) consecutive attempts shall be required to take a remedial course and produce evidence of completion of the course prior to taking the ACNM examination again.

5811.14 A student, graduate, or applicant shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of the Act and this chapter. The Board may deny an application for a license by, or take other disciplinary action against, a student, graduate, or applicant who is found to have violated the Act or this title, in accordance with chapter 41 of this title.

5811.15 Repealed.

5812 USE OF TITLE OR ABBREVIATIONS

5812.1 Only persons certified, as certified nurse-midwives by the Board shall be designated as such and have the right to use the title “Certified Nurse-Midwife” (CNM) and the title or abbreviations designated by the Board or an approved national certifying body.

5812 PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE-MIDWIFE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REQUIRING A FORMAL EVALUATION

5813.1 An APRN shall be evaluated by another APRN licensed to practice in the same specialty area.

5899 DEFINITIONS

5899.1 For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed:

Applicant: a person applying for a license to practice as a certified nurse-midwife under this chapter.

Board: the Board of Nursing, established by § 204 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04.

Certificate: a certificate to practice as a nurse-midwife under this chapter.

Certified nurse-midwife: a registered nurse trained in an educational program to provide nurse-midwifery services, exercise independent judgment, and assume primary responsibility for the care of patients.

Clinical practice: the routine application of the principles of nurse-midwifery to the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health.

Supervisor: means a certified nurse-midwife who is responsible for the supervision of a student, graduate, or applicant.

CHAPTER 59: NURSE-PRACTITIONERS

5900 APPLICABILITY

- 5900.1 This chapter shall apply to applicants for and holders of a certificate to practice nurse practitioners.
- 5900.2 Chapters 40 (Health Occupations; General Rules), 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures), and 54 (Registered Nursing) of this title shall supplement this chapter.

5901 GENERAL REQUIREMENT

- 5901.1 Only a person currently licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 54 of this title shall be eligible to apply for a license to practice as a nurse practitioner under this chapter.

5902 TERM OF CERTIFICATE

- 5902.1 Subject to § 5902.2, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of June 30 of each even-numbered year.
- 5902.2 If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to § 4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the certificate, or other date established by the Director.

5903 RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE

- 5903.1 An applicant for renewal of a license to practice as a nurse practitioner shall do the following:
- (a) Maintain current licensure as a registered nurse in the District of Columbia;
 - (b) Submit evidence of current national certification by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or other national certifying body approved by the Board.

5904 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 5904.1 An applicant for a license to practice as a nurse-practitioner shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 608(c) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.08, that the applicant has successfully completed a post-basic nursing education program applicable to the area of practice approved by the Board or accredited by a nationally recognized body accepted by the Board and which is relevant to the nurse-practitioner's area of practice.

5904.2, 5904.3 and 5904.4 are repealed.

5905 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

5905.1 In addition to the requirements in § 5900 and § 5902, to qualify for a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner in the District of Columbia, an applicant shall receive a passing score on the national certification examination by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or any other Nationally recognized certifying body accepted by the Board.

5905.2 An applicant shall provide proof of having obtained a passing score on the examination by arranging to have official written verification of the certification, or a certified notarized copy of the examination results, sent directly to the Board.

5905.3 A national certification program acceptable to the Board shall provide:

- (a) A scope of practice statement that reflects the standards of specialized and advanced nursing practice in the area of certification;
- (b) An approval process for the formal programs of study in the area of certification which shall:
 - (a) Be based on measurable objectives that relate directly to the scope of practice;
 - (b) Include theoretical and clinical content directed to the objectives; and
 - (c) Be equivalent to at least one academic year preceptorship which is part of the formal program and shall be included as part of the academic year. Current practice in the area of certification will not be accepted as a substitute for the formal program of study.
- (d) An examination in the area of certification which shall:
 - (a) Measure the theoretical and clinical content denoted in the scope of practice;
 - (b) Be developed in accordance with generally accepted standards of validity and reliability; and
 - (c) Be open only to registered nurses who have successfully completed the program of study referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (d) A certification maintenance program.

5904.4 The passing score on the certification examination shall be the passing score established by the certifying body administering the examination.

5904.5 The Board shall issue and update a list of nationally recognized certifying bodies accepted by the Board.

5905.5 Failure to maintain recertification as a nurse practitioner shall result in the loss of status as a nurse practitioner.

5906 and 5907 Repealed.

5908**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

5908.1

In addition to the general functions specified in §§2-3301.2,(2) and 2-3306.4 the nurse practitioner may perform any or all of the following acts:

- (1) Provides primary health care, including health promotion and disease prevention;
- (2) Manage patients with medical and surgical problems;
- (3) Perform additional special procedures and treatments specific to the specialty scope of practice.
- (4) Such other functions and services the Board deems appropriate upon review and analysis of professional and association literature which articulates scopes and standards for nurse practitioners.

5908.2 and 5908.3 Repealed.

5909**PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

5909.1

A Nurse practitioner shall have authority to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances subject to the limitations set forth in § 5910.

5909.2

A Nurse Practitioner shall have authority to prescribe drugs only while certified in accordance with this chapter.

5909.3

Prescriptions for drugs shall comply with all applicable District of Columbia and federal laws.

5909.4

A Nurse-practitioner who administers or prescribes a prescription drug shall enter in the patient's chart on the date of the transaction, or, if the chart is not available, no later than the next office day, the following information:

- (a) Each prescription that a nurse-practitioner orders; and
- (b) The name, strength, and amount of each drug that a clinical nurse specialist administers.

5909.5

Pursuant to § 514 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3.1205.14(a)(19), the Board may suspend or revoke the license or take other disciplinary action against any applicant or licensee who prescribes, dispenses, or administers drugs when not authorized to do so.

5910**PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

5910.1

A nurse-practitioner shall have authority to prescribe those drugs on Schedules II through V established pursuant to the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981, D.C. Law 4-29, D.C. Code §§ 33-501 *et seq.*, that are authorized by the protocol under which the nurse-practitioner is practicing.

5910.2

A nurse practitioner shall not prescribe or administer a controlled substance unless a license certified nurse practitioner meets the following requirements:

- (1) Possess a valid controlled substances certificate of registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and
- (2) Possesses a valid District of Columbia controlled substances registration pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 48-901.02 *et seq.*, the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

5910.3 A nurse practitioner shall not issue a refillable prescription for a controlled substance.

5910.4 A nurse practitioner shall maintain a current and complete log of all controlled substances that the nurse practitioner prescribes in accordance with regulations for record keeping promulgated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

5911 SUPERVISED PRACTICE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION

5911.1 Only the following persons shall be authorized to engage in the supervised practice of a nurse practitioner without a District of Columbia certificate:

- (a) Students fulfilling education requirements for certification and practicing within the limitations set forth in § 103(c) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01.
- (b) Graduates awaiting the results of the certification examination given by an approved certifying body; and
- (c) Applicants who are certified by the ANCC or certifying body approved by the Board and whose application for a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner in the District of Columbia is pending.

5911.2 Only a supervisor shall be authorized to supervise the practice of a nurse practitioner.

5911.3 A student, graduate, or applicant may practice as a Nurse practitioner only in accordance with the Act and this chapter.

5911.4 A student, graduate, or applicant under this section shall not assume administrative or technical responsibility for the operation of a nurse-practitioner program, unit, service, or institution.

5911.5 A student, graduate, or applicant who practices pursuant to this section shall only practice at a hospital, or a health care facility operated by the District or federal government, or other health care facilities considered appropriate by the ANCC or other certifying body approved by the Board.

5911.6 All supervised practice shall take place under general or immediate supervision.

5911.7 A person who has been denied a certificate or license or has been disciplined, or against whom disciplinary action is pending, in the District of Columbia or other jurisdiction, shall not practice pursuant to this section unless authorized by the Board in writing to do so.

5911.8 A student, graduate, or applicant shall identify himself or herself as such before practicing as a nurse practitioner.

5911.9 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for all practice by a student, graduate, or applicant during the period of supervision and is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the student, graduate, or applicant.

- 5911.10 A student, graduate, or applicant shall not receive compensation of any nature, directly or indirectly, from a patient, except for a salary based on hours worked under supervision.
- 5911.11 An applicant under § 5911.1(b) or (c) shall take the first licensing examination following graduation from an approved educational program for nurse practitioners or the first examination following submission of the application for a license in the District of Columbia. The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the time requirement if the applicant's failure to sit for the first examination was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:
- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; or
 - (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.
- 5911.12 An application under § 5911.1(b) or (c) who fails the ANCC examination on two (2) consecutive attempts shall not be permitted to practice as a nurse practitioner under this section.
- 5911.13 An applicant who fails the ANCC examination after two (2) consecutive attempts shall be required to take a remedial course and produce evidence of completion of the course prior to taking the ANCC examination again.
- 5911.14 A student, graduate, or applicant shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of the Act and this chapter. The Board may deny an application for a license by, or take other disciplinary action against, a student, graduate, or applicant who is found to have violated the Act or this title, in accordance with chapter 41 of this title.
- 5911.15 Repealed.**
- 5912 USE OF TITLES OR ABBREVIATIONS**
- 5912.1 Only a person certified by the Board to practice as a nurse practitioner may use the title or abbreviation "Nurse-Practitioner," "Certified Nurse-Practitioner," or "C.N.P.".
- 5912.2 A nurse-practitioner may place the title or abbreviations in § 5912.1 after his or her name, alone, or in combination with other letters or words identifying categories of specialization, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) Adult Nurse-Practitioner;
 - (b) Pediatric Nurse-Practitioner;
 - (c) Family Nurse-Practitioner;
 - (d) Gerontologic Nurse-Practitioner;
 - (e) Neonatal Nurse-Practitioner;
 - (f) School Nurse-Practitioner; and
 - (g) Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

5912.3 A specialty area of nursing practice shall be declared, and the specialty title to be utilized shall be the title which is granted by a nationally recognized accrediting body or the title of the specialty area of nursing practice in which the nurse practitioner has received postgraduate educational preparation.

**5912 PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE-PRACTITIONER
IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REQUIRING A FORMAL
EVALUATION**

5912.3 An APRN shall be evaluated by another APRN licensed to practice in the same specialty area.

5999 DEFINITIONS

5999.1 For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have meanings ascribed:

Applicant: a person applying for a license to practice as a nurse practitioner under this chapter.

Board: the Board of Nursing, established by § 204 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04.

Certificate: a certificate to practice as a nurse practitioner under this chapter.

Clinical practice: the routine application of the principles of a nurse practitioner to the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health.

General Supervision: supervision in which the supervisor is available on the premises and within vocal communications either directly or by a communications device at the time the student, graduate, or applicant is practicing.

Immediate Supervision: supervision in which the supervisor is with the student, graduate, or applicant and either discussing or observing the student's, graduate's, or applicant's practice.

Supervisor: a registered nurse practitioner certified under the Act who is responsible for the supervision of a student, graduate, or applicant.

5999.2 The definitions in § 4099 of chapter 40 of this title are incorporated by reference into and are applicable to this chapter.

CHAPTER 60: CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST (NEW CHAPTER)

6000 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

6000.1 A clinical nurse specialist is an expert clinician and clinical leader in a particular specialty or subspecialty of nursing and is prepared in a formal educational program to assume an expanded role in providing health care services. The clinical nurse specialist possesses refined knowledge and skills pertinent to the medical needs of patients in a specialty area. Clinical nurse specialist, when functioning within their scope of practice, are qualified to assume primary responsibility for the care of their clients.

6000.2 Chapters 40 (Health Occupations: General Rules), 41 (Health Occupations: Administrative Procedures), and 54 (registered Nursing) of this title shall supplement this chapter.

6001 GENERAL REQUIREMENT

6001.1 Only a person currently licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 54 of this title shall be eligible to apply for a certificate to practice as a clinical nurse specialist under this chapter.

6002 TERM OF CERTIFICATE

6002.1 Subject to § 6002.2, a certificate issued to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of June 30 of even-numbered year.

6002.2 If the Director changes the renewal system pursuant to § 4006.3 of chapter 40 of this title, a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter shall expire at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the month of the birthdate of the holder of the certificate, or other date established by the Director.

6003 RESERVED

6004 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

6004.1 An applicant for a license to practice as a clinical nurse specialist must furnish proof satisfactory to the Board, in accordance with § 608 (c) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.08, that the applicant is educationally prepared, at a minimum, at the master's level, and has satisfactorily completed an accredited master's degree program in the clinical specialty area in which he or she practices.

6005 NATIONAL EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

6005.1 In addition to the requirements in §6001 and §6002, to qualify for a license to practice as a clinical nurse specialist in the District of Columbia, an applicant shall:

- (a) Be currently certified as a clinical nurse specialist by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or any nationally recognized certifying body accepted by the Board; and

- (b) Submit evidence indicating satisfactory completion of at least a three (3) credit hour pharmacology and clinical management of drug therapy or pharmacotherapeutics course, or completion of at least a thirty (30) contact hour pharmacology or pharmacotherapeutics course within the last five (5) years as it relates to the clinical nurse specialists' scope of practice.

6005.2 An applicant shall submit proof of having obtained a passing score on the ANCC certification examination by arranging to have official written certification of the certified copy of the examination results, sent to the Board.

6005.3 A national certification program acceptable to the Board shall provide:

- (a) A scope of practice statement that reflects the standards of specialized and advanced nursing practice the area of certification;
- (b) An approval process for the formal programs of study in the area of certification which shall:
 - (1) Be based on measurable objectives that relate directly to the scope of practice;
 - (2) Include theoretical and clinical content directed to the objectives; and
 - (3) Be equivalent to at least one academic year preceptorship which is part of the formal program and shall be included as part of the academic year. Current practice in the area of certification will not be accepted as a substitute for the formal program of study.
- (c) An examination in the area of certification which shall:
 - (1) Measure the theoretical and clinical content denoted in the score of practice;
 - (2) Be developed in accordance with generally accepted standards of validity and reliability; and
 - (3) Be opened only to registered nurses who have successfully completed the program of study referred to in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (d) A certification maintenance program.

6005.4 The passing score on the certification examination shall be the passing score established by the certifying body administering the examination.

6005.5 The Board shall issue and update a list of nationally recognized certifying bodies accepted by the Board.

6005.6 Failure to maintain recertification as a clinical nurse specialist shall result in the loss of license status as a clinical nurse specialist.

6006 RECERTIFICATION

6006.1 A certified registered clinical nurse specialist shall submit proof of having completed fifteen (15) contact hours of an approved AACN continuing education course in pharmacology during the two (2) years preceding the date the license expires.

6007 [RESERVED]

6008 SCOPE OF PRACTICE CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST

6008.1 Utilizing the knowledge and skills of the particular clinical specialty, the scope of practice includes the following:

- (a) Manage health related and/or psychiatric problems;
- (b) Initiate, monitor, or alter therapies;
- (c) Design and evaluate innovations in their specialty practice; and
- (d) Such other functions and services the Board deems appropriate upon review and analysis of professional and association literature which articulates scopes and standards for Clinical Nurse Specialist.

6008.2 In addition to the general functions specified in § 3-1201.02(2) and § 3-1206.04, the clinical nurse specialist any perform any or all of the following acts:

- (a) Provide primary health care, including health promotion and disease prevention;
- (b) Perform additional special procedures and treatments specific to the specialty scope of practice.
- (c) Such other functions and services the Board deems appropriate upon review and analysis of professional and association literature which articulates scope and standards for clinical nurse specialties.

6009 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

6009.1 A clinical nurse specialist shall have authority to prescribed legend drugs and controlled substances subject to the limitations set forth in §5711.

6009.2 A registered clinical nurse specialist shall have authority to prescribe drugs only while certified in accordance with this chapter.

6009.3 Prescriptions for drugs shall comply with all applicable District and federal laws.

- 6009.4 A clinical nurse specialist who dispenses and/or prescribes a prescription drug shall enter in the patient's chart on the date of the transaction, or if the chart is not available, within a reasonable time but no later than the next business day:
- (a) Each prescription that a clinical nurse specialist orders; and
 - (b) The name, strength, and amount of each drug that a clinical nurse specialist prescribes or dispenses.
- 6009.5 Pursuant to §514 of the Act, D.C. Code §3-1205.14(a)(19) (2001), the Board may suspend or revoke the license or take other disciplinary action against, any applicant or licensee who prescribes, dispenses, or administers drugs when not authorized to do so.

6010 PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 6010.1 A clinical nurse specialist shall have authority to prescribe those drugs in Schedules II through V, established pursuant to the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act of 1981, D.C. Law 4-29, D.C. Official Code §§ 48-901.02 et seq.
- 6010.2 A clinical nurse specialist shall not prescribe a controlled substance unless a clinical nurse specialist meets the following requirements;
- (a) Possesses a valid controlled substances certificate of registration from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and
 - (b) Possesses a valid District of Columbia controlled substances registration pursuant to D.C. Official Code §§ 48-901.02 et seq., the District of Columbia Uniform Controlled Substances Act.
- 6010.3 A clinical nurse specialist shall not issue a refillable prescription for a controlled substance.
- 6010.4 A clinical nurse specialist shall maintain a current and complete log of all controlled substances that the clinical nurse specialist prescribes, in accordance with regulations for record keeping promulgated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

6011 SUPERVISED PRACTICE PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION

- 6011.1 Only the following persons shall be authorized to engage in the supervised practice as a clinical nurse specialist without a District of Columbia certificate:
- (a) A student fulfilling education requirements for certification and practicing within the limitations set forth in §103(c) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01;
 - (b) A graduate awaiting the results of the certification examination given by an approved certifying body; and
 - (c) An applicant who is certified by the ANCC or certifying body approved by the Board and whose application for certificate to practice as a clinical nurse specialist in the District of Columbia is pending.

- 6011.2 Only a supervisor shall supervise the practice of a clinical nurse specialist.
- 6011.3 A student, graduate, or applicant may practice as a clinical nurse specialist only in accordance with the Act and this chapter.
- 6011.4 A student, graduate, or applicant shall not assume administrative or technical responsibility for the operation of a clinical nurse specialist program unit, service, or institution.
- 6011.5 A student, graduate, or applicant who practices pursuant to this section shall only practice at a hospital, or a health care facility operated by the District or federal government, or other health care facilities considered appropriate by the Board.
- 6011.6 All supervised practice shall take place under general or immediate supervision.
- 6011.7 A person who has been denied a certificate or license or has been disciplined, or against whom disciplinary action is pending, in the District of Columbia or other jurisdiction, shall not practice pursuant to this section unless authorized by the Board in writing to do so.
- 6011.8 A student, graduate, or applicant shall identify himself or herself as such before practicing as a clinical nurse specialist.
- 6011.9 A supervisor shall be fully responsible for all practice by a student, graduate, or applicant during the period of supervision and is subject to disciplinary action for any violation of the Act or this chapter by the student, graduate, or applicant.
- 6011.10 A student, graduate, or applicant shall not receive compensation directly or indirectly, from a patient, except for a salary based on hours worked under supervision.
- 6011.11 A graduate clinical nurse specialist under § 6011.1(b) or (c) shall take the first licensing examination following graduation from an approved educational program for clinical nurse specialist s or the first examination following submission of the application for a license in the District of Columbia. The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the time requirement if the applicant's failure to sit for the first examination was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:
- (a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; or
 - (b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.
- 6011.12 An applicant under § 6011.1 (b) or (c) who fails the ANCC examination on two (2) consecutive attempts shall not be permitted to practice as a clinical nurse specialist under this section.
- 6012.13 An applicant who fails the ANCC examination after two (2) consecutive attempts shall be required to take a remedial course and produce evidence of completion of the course prior to taking the ANCC examination again.
- 6012.14 A student, graduate, or applicant shall be subject to all of the applicable provisions of the Act and this chapter. The Board may deny an application for a license by, or take other disciplinary action against a student, graduate, or applicant who is found to have violated the Act or this title, in accordance with chapter 41 of this title.

6012 USE OF TITLES AND ABBREVIATIONS

- 6012.1 Any person who qualified under this chapter and whose application for advanced practice registered nurse practitioner certificate has been approved by the Board shall have the right to use the title “advanced practice registered nurse” and clinical nurse specialist may use the title or abbreviation designated by the approved national certifying body. No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation. No other person shall use any other title, words, letter, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the name is recognized as a certified registered clinical nurse specialist. Only persons certified as a Clinical Nurse Specialist by the Board shall be designated as such and have the right to use the title “Clinical Nurse Specialist” (“CNS”).

6013 PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REQUIRING A FORMAL EVALUATION

- 6013.1 An APRN shall be evaluated by another APRN licensed to practice in the same specialty area.

6099 DEFINITIONS

- 6099.1 For purpose of this chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed:

Applicant: a person applying for a license to practice as a clinical nurse specialist under this chapter.

Board: The Board of Nursing, established by § 204 of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04.

Certificate: a certificate to practice as a clinical nurse specialist under this chapter.

Clinical Practice: the routine application of the principles of clinical nurse specialist to the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health.

Nationally recognized certifying body: is one that offers a national certification examination in the specialty area of advanced nursing practice, utilizes standards and principles of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS), and provides a mechanism for evaluating continued competency in the specialty area of nursing practice.

Supervisor: means a certified clinical nurse specialist who is responsible for the supervision of a student, graduate, or applicant.

- 6099.2 The definitions in § 4099 of chapter 40 of this title are incorporated by reference into and are applicable to this chapter.